

[5th March 1925]

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—“ May I just ask the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government whether he has received any report either from the District Medical Officer, Malabar, or the Surgeon-General regarding the retention of the Chowghat hospital? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ I do not think we have received any report.”

Religious and Charitable Endowments.

Amending Bill to Hindu Religious Endowments Act.

* 385 Q.—MR. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether there has been any communication from the Government of India or the Governor-General with regard to an amending Bill to be introduced into the local Council to the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the press communiqué of 30th January 1925. The Government are not prepared to furnish any further information.

MR. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ Sir, the press communiqué does not refer to any information from the Government of India or the Governor-General regarding an amending Bill. May I ask the hon. Minister whether he can give any information regarding that? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ Besides the press communiqué there is nothing else.”

MR. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ May I ask the hon. Minister why he is not prepared to let us know the communication between the Government of Madras and the Government of India? ”

Education.

Distribution of grant to elementary schools.

* 386 Q.—MR. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the additional grant made for starting new elementary schools has been spent and, if so, how much and in what manner;

(b) how many new schools have been opened; the amount given to each local body and the number of new schools started in each;

(c) the principle observed in the distribution of the grant;

(d) whether any attention was paid to the poorer local bodies where the educational cess could not be levied; and

(e) in cases where the educational tax is not collected by members, wilfully, whether Government are withholding the grant and the consequent facilities for the starting of new schools, on the score that a few members of the local bodies are wilfully negligent?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to G.O. No. 1598, Law (Education), dated the 16th October 1924. A copy ^a of the order is laid on the table.

^a Printed as Appendix IV on pages 878—882 infra.